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Eric:

I have reviewed the 2006-2008 Transit Programs section for the STIP. I would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) That the \$1.982 in JARC carryover funds (from the Alaska Mobility Coalition) is used in 2006 and that projects be determined in the state competitive grant application process (in addition to the \$294.2 already directed to the competitive grant process). Given the reductions in Federal JARC appropriations to Alaska in 2006, it is critical that funding be made available to support programs that provide transportation for people going to work.
- 2) That the department determines whether some of the \$450 million in earmarked federal transportation dollars can be redirected to Community Transportation Providers. With a funding freeze in JARC and 5310 funding for 2006 as well as insurance and fuel increase, it is critical that larger and smaller transportation providers continue to have the necessary resources to provide transportation in our local communities.
- 3) That the department determines whether \$1.7 million directed to the disbanded transit provider on the North Slope Borough can be redirected to 5309 projects in Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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